

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4688, by Representatives Hinkle and Lovick

WHEREAS, Throughout our nation's history, our armed forces have engaged in conflicts during which ordinary men and women witness and perform incredible acts of comradeship, courage, and selflessness that transform them into heroes; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jim Harrison distinguished himself while serving as a Special Forces Advisor to the Vietnamese Reaction Company in the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) from Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, On October 21, 1967, Sergeant Jim Harrison demonstrated exceptional valor and intrepidity in his mission to exploit a Viet Cong base camp while in conflict with armed hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jim Harrison led his platoon through intense automatic weapons fire, exposing him to a savage hail of bullets while he fearlessly led soldiers across the open field until they reached the enemy and assaulted the first line defensive trenches and bunkers; and

WHEREAS, Acting with great selflessness and in the face of ravaging hostile fire, Sergeant Jim Harrison saved the lives of many of his comrades by providing cover fire while his wounded troops were removed from the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, Armed with one automatic rifle and several grenades, Sergeant Jim Harrison charged an enemy fortification alone, and delivered the heaviest and most lethal fire, destroying a bunker and personally killing six enemy soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jim Harrison withdrew across the open field of battle to allow air strikes on the enemy's base camp and then led troops back into battle across the open field; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jim Harrison's disregard for his personal safety and his unremitting valor resulted in an overwhelming victory over the insurgents; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jim Harrison earned a Silver Star, the third highest award designated solely for heroism in combat, a Bronze Star, a Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnamese Jump Wings, and the Expert Infantryman Badge for his service to the United States during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jim Harrison's patriotism and bravery are in the highest traditions of the military service, and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington salute and honor Sergeant Jim Harrison's courage, heroism, dedication, and selfless duty to his country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Sergeant Jim Harrison, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the President of the United States.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4688 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 3, 2006

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk